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Attorney Docket No. TI-29986

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Title Method and Apparatus for Tuning Digital Hearing Aids

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 41]

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]

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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. Application Data Sheet See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122
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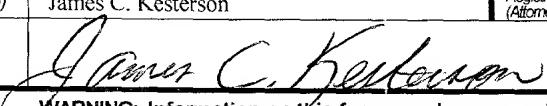
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119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing	
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140	110	240	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable	
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142	1,240	242	620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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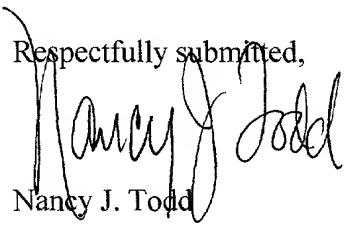
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 - Specification (41 pages)
 - Informal Drawings (9 pages)
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages)
- Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page)
- Copy of Original Signed Assignments (3 pages)
- Fee Transmittal (1 original and 1 copy)
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